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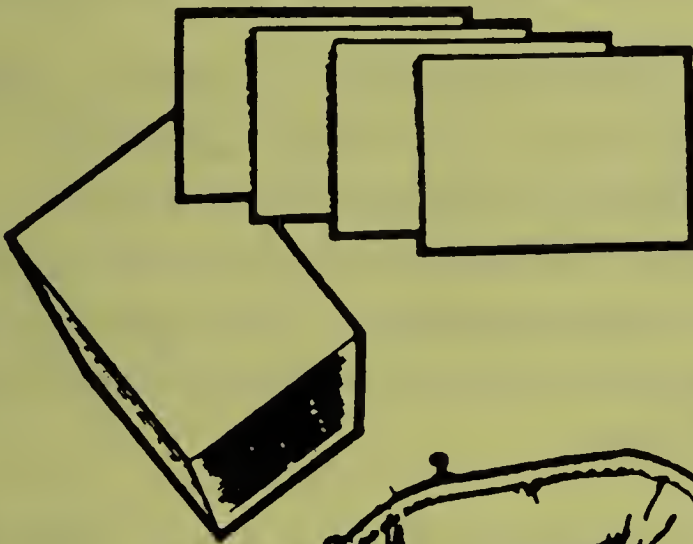
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WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE OIL SPILL RESPONSE TRAILER?

The purpose of the Oil Spill Response Trailer is to enhance the effectiveness of first responder's efforts to contain and recover oil and some hazardous material spills to small surface water bodies and drainage ditches by making sorbent materials quickly available to supplement local agencies' supplies.

IN WHAT INSTANCES ARE THE TRAILERS DEPLOYED?

IEPA Oil Spill Response Trailers may be deployed at the scene of a spill onto surface waters, **which is a reported incident**, involving an oil and those hazardous substance for which the sorbents should be an effective countermeasure. Requests must be made by local government emergency officials.

HOW MANY TRAILERS ARE AVAILABLE AND WHERE ARE THEY LOCATED?

There are currently four Oil Spill Response Trailers contracted to three different local response agencies. These agencies and the counties they are contracted to serve are as follows:

- Champaign Fire Dept., Champaign, IL
Champaign, Clark, Coles, Cumberland, DeWitt, Douglas, Edgar, Macon, Moultrie, Piatt, Shelby and Vermilion Counties;
- Pekin Fire Dept., Pekin, IL
Fulton, Henderson, Knox, McDonough, Mercer, Peoria, Stark, Tazewell and Warren Counties; and

- Triad Industries, Inc., South Roxana, IL
Alexander, Bond, Calhoun, Clay, Clinton,
Crawford, Edwards, Effingham, Fayette,
Franklin, Gallatin, Greene, Hamilton,
Hardin, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Jersey,
Johnson, Lawrence, Madison, Marion,
Massac, Monroe, Perry, Pipe, Pulaski,
Randolph, Richland, St. Clair, Saline,
Union, Wabash, Washington, Wayne, White
and Williamson Counties.

* *Triad Industries, Inc. has contracted two
Oil Spill Response Trailers.*

WHO DO I CONTACT TO REQUIRE THE USE OF THE TRAILER?

After the incident is reported to the Illinois
Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) at
800/782-7860, ask the dispatcher to connect you to
the IEPA Duty Officer to request the deployment of
the Oil Spill Response Trailer. The IEPA Duty
Officer will ask you relevant questions concerning
the incident to determine the effectiveness of the
Oil Spill Response Trailer in mitigating the release.
If deployment is appropriate you will be asked for
specific locational and travel directions.

WHO DEPLOYS THE SORBENT MATERIAL AT THE SCENE OF THE SPILL?

The Requesting Agency (Caller) deploys the sor-
bent material after they arrive at the scene. The
Trailer Contractor will provide technical assistance
(advice) to the Requesting Agency in deploying the
sorbent materials, but are not required to deploy
the sorbent materials after they are delivered.

NOTE: *The Requesting Agency is responsible for
deploying local sorbent supplies **first**, before using
IEPA sorbents.*

WHAT TYPE OF SORBENT MATERIALS ARE IN THE TRAILERS?

Each Oil Spill Response Trailer is equipped with 21 bags of sorbent Booms and 26 bags of sorbent Pads. Each bag of booms contains four 10 foot long by 8 inch diameter booms. Booms are floating barriers used to contain a spill of oil or material that floats on water. Each bag of pads contains 100 sorbent pads of dimensions 16" x 16".

These sorbents preferentially adsorb hydrocarbons and oils and do not adsorb water. Sorbents work primarily by removing oil from the water surface. Sorbent booms are not designed to contain free accumulations of oil in situations involving current and wind. **Sorbents are not appropriate for all types of spills.** The IEPA Duty Officer will help determine if they can be effective in a given situation.

WHO PAYS FOR THE COST OF THE SORBENT MATERIALS THAT ARE USED?

The Responsible Party is the spiller or person in control of the material at the time of the spill and is responsible for the cost of the sorbent materials used and the deployment cost to the Contractor. If the Responsible Party is unknown and cannot be determined, the cost stated above will be paid by the appropriate fund which the IEPA has available.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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OIL SPILL RESPONSE TRAILER CHECKLIST

Local emergency services officials should review the following before initiating a request to IEPA through IEMA.

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Spill is on water (i.e., creek, ditch, pond)

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Material is a floater (like oil) and does not sink or dissolve.

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Spiller/Responsible Party cannot or will not respond in a timely manner.

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Local reserves of sorbent have been depleted.

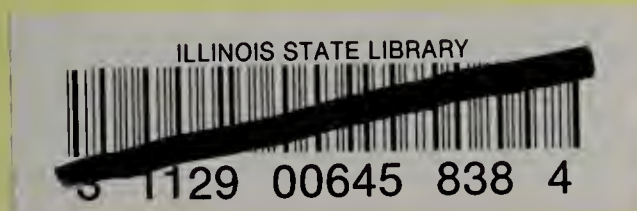
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Local personnel and/or means to deploy are available.

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Spill reported to Illinois Emergency
Management Agency at
1-800-782-7860

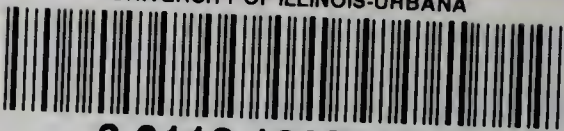
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